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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF TERRORIST AND RELATED ACTIVITIES
MONTH OF JANUARY 1978

1. THIS REPORT GIVES A SUMMARY OF POLITICAL VIOLENCE AND
TERRORIST ACTIVITIES THAT HAVE BEEN REPORTED TO US BY
THE SECURITY FORCES DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY.

2. JAN 3: FIFTEEN YOUNG MEN BOARDED A TRAIN ON THE ROCA
LINE AT CONSTITUTION STATION, BUENOS AIRES, FORMED GROUPS
OF FOUR AND DISTRIBUTED MONTONERO LEAFLETS. THEY THEN
DEPARTED THE TRAIN, AND LEFT THE AREA IN SMALL TRUCKS.

- ON THE SAME DATE, A VEHICLE BELONGING TO THE BANFIELD POLICE
PRECINCT WAS SHOT AT BY SUBVERSIVES.

- ON THE SAME DATE, A POLICE PATROL IN ZARATE, BUENOS AIRES
PROVINCE, FOUND LEAFLETS FROM THE CARLOS M. ARAYA COMBAT
PLATOON (MONTONERO) TAKING CREDIT FOR THE KIDNAPPING OF
EDUARDO SANTIAGO DEPRATI ON DECEMBER 28, 1977.

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JAN 4 - BUENOS AIRES PROVINCIAL POLICE CPL. DANIEL ALVAREZ
WAS SHOT AT FROM A PASSING VEHICLE IN LOMAS DE ZAMORA.

JAN 5. - SUBVERSIVES BROKE INTO THE HOME OF NON-COMMISSIONED
OFFICER PABLO GONZALEZ YURQUINA IN LA PLATA AND STOLE HIS
DOCUMENTS AND A BROWNING 9 MM. PISTOL.

JAN 6 - SUBVERSIVES BROKE INTO THE HOME OF FEDERAL TRAFFIC POLICEMAN OSCAR CARNA IN BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE AND STOLE HIS ID CARD AND BROWNING 9 MM. PISTOL.

- AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE WAS DISCOVERED IN LOMAS DE ZAMORA COMMERCIAL GALLERY. DURING ATTEMPTED DEACTIVATION, THE BOMB DETONATED, KILLING BOMB DISPOSAL EXPERT FRANCISCO QUINTANA.

JAN 7 - THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE ARGENTINE COMMUNIST PARTY SENT TO THE PROVINCE COMMITTEES A REPORT LISTING 2300 PERSONS ALLEGED TO BE MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY FORCES INVOLVED IN ANTI-SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES. OF THAT NUMBER, 700 WERE MEMBERS OF THE ARMY. REPORTS CONTAINED FULL BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON THE PERSONS LISTED.

JAN 9 - BOMB DISPOSAL UNIT IN BANFIELD, BS AS PROVINCE, RESPONDED TO A REPORT OF POSSIBLE BOMB AT PUEYRREDON AND MAIPU STS. THEY CHECKED THE AREA AND AS THEY WERE DEPARTING WERE FIRED ON BY TWO MEN AND A WOMAN IN A FORD FALCON. THE ATTACKERS ESCAPED.

- ON THE SAME DATE, THREE ARMED PERSONS ATTACKED FEDERAL POLICE CPL. JUAN DOMINGO LAGUARDIA IN BERAZATEGUI, BS AS PROVINCE, AND ESCAPED WITH HIS 0 MM. BROWNING PISTOL.

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- TWO ARMED MEN ATTACKED PROVINCIAL POLICEMAN ARMANDO LUIS CASTRO, ROBBING HIM OF HIS BROWNING 9 MM. PISTOL. THE ATTACKED OCCURRED ON A TRAIN IN BS AS PROVINCE.

JAN 12 - FEDERAL POLICE STATION LOCATED ON THE BOSCH BRIDGE, AT AVELLANEDA, BS AS PROVINCE, WAS ATTACKED BY SUBVERSIVES WHO THREW AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE FROM A FIAT 600, CAUSING MATERIAL DAMAGE. THE SUBVERSIVES ESCAPED.

JAN 13 - FATHER RAUL V. MARCHESE, PARISH OF SAN JOSE DE SALIQUELO, RECEIVED BY MAIL A COPY OF THE MAIN PUBLICATION OF THE MONTONERO PERONIST MOVEMENT, SUPERIOR COUNCIL NUMBER ONE.

- A BOMB EXPLODED INSIDE A CAR PARKED AT THE INTERSECTION OF GELLY, OBES AND GUIDO STS. IN THE FEDERAL CAPITAL. THE BOMB CAUSED A GREAT DEAL OF MATERIAL DAMAGE. THE EMBASSY OF GREAT BRITAIN IS LOCATED A SHORT DISTANCE FROM THE SITE OF THE EXPLOSION.

- JUAN ROMERO, CORDOBA POLICEMAN, WAS ATTACKED BY FIVE ARMED MEN WHO TOOK HIS PISTOL AND ESCAPED.

JAN 14 - FATHER ANTONIO ULRICH OF THE SAN JUAN CRISOSTOMO CHURCH RECEIVED BY MAIL A PUBLICATION OF THE MONTONERO PERONIST MOVEMENT SUPERIOR COUNCIL.

JAN 16 - SISTER MARIA ANGELES GIMENEZ OF THE NTRA. SRA. DE LUJAN PARISH RECEIVED BY MAIL THE PUBLICATION OF THE MONTONERO PERONIST MOVEMENT.

JAN 17 - SECURITY FORCES CARRIED OUT AN OPERATION IN CAMPANA. DS-NG ADOLFO, AN OFFICER OF THE MILITARY SECRETARIAT OF COLUMN 17 OF THE MONTONEROS WAS KILLED IN THIS OPERATION.

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JAN 18 - A BOMB WAS DETONATED THE PEUGEOT CAR AGENCY, 854 SAN MARTIN AVE., FLORENCIO VARELA, BS AS PROVINCE. THE EXPLOSION CAUSED CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE BUT NO INJURIES.

JAN 19 - A GROUP OF SUBVERSIVES SHOT AND KILLED ALBERTO BUZARQUIS, A HIGH RANKING OFFICER OF THE FEDERAL PENITENTIARY SERVICE. THE INCIDENT OCCURRED AT LOMAS DE ZAMORA, SOUTH SIDE OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL. THE TERRORISTS ATTACKED WITH HEAVY WEAPONS FROM TWO VEHICLES AS HE WAS LEAVING HIS HOME. HE WAS WOUNDED IN THE INITIAL GUNFIRE AND THEN ONE OF THE TERRORISTS SHOT HIM AGAIN TO COMPLETE THE ATTACK. HE DIED SHORTLY THEREAFTER AT A LOCAL HOSPITAL.

JAN 25 - ABOUT 50 LEAFLETS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST PARTY WERE FOUND AT A LOCAL RAILROAD STATION.

- ON THE SAME DATE, THREE MEN IN A WHITE PEUGEOT 504 FIRED SHOTS AT THE LAN CHILE AIRLINE OFFICE, 679 CORDOBA AVENUE IN THE FEDERAL CAPITAL.

3. RSO COMMENT: TERRORIST ACTIVITIES CONTINUE TO DECREASE MONTHLY. SECURITY SERVICES FEEL THAT TERRORIST CAPABILITIES ARE SEVERELY LIMITED AND REDUCED TO ATTACKS ON VERY SOFT TARGETS. THE POSSIBILITY ALSO EXISTS THAT THE TERRORISTS ARE RESERVING A MAJOR PORTION OF THEIR OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY IN ORDER TO STAGE A SPECTACULAR INCIDENT DURING THE WORLD CUP SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 1978. THE SECURITY SERVICES BELIEVE THAT THE MONTONEROS WILL ATTEMPT TO ATTRACT INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION DURING THE PERIOD OF THE WORLD CUP BUT WILL NOT INITIATE ANY OPERATIONS THAT WOULD ENDANGER
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